

(b) if so, whether changes in Recruitment Rules and essential and desirable qualifications etc. can be made by subordinate officers; and

(c) if so, the legality and need and justification, if any, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is the competent authority to approve the Recruitment Rules for all categories of posts in the Sangathan. However, the Board in its 46th meeting held on 03.12.1985 authorised the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to approve the Recruitment Rules subject to adoption by the Board of Governors.

Centres of advance study set up by UGC

1502. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will **the** Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased **to state**:

(a) whether during sixties or earlier, UGC had set up Centre of Advance Study for different subjects offering scholarships **and** fellowships for post graduation and research degrees;

(b) if so, the details of each of such centres and details of courses and research degrees started there; and

(c) the centres of Advanced *Study* in History, Ancient Indian History and Culture, Medieval History and Modern Indian History that were started and/tire still existing?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Scheme **for** recognising certain university departments, which had already achieved excellence in research, as Centres of Advanced Study, on selective basis, was initiated by UGC in 1963-64. Under the Scheme, substantial financial assistance is provided to the selected departments to enable them to acquire adequate infrastructural facilities, such as essential manpowers, books, journals and equipment, renovation of buildings and upgradation of laboratories with a view to improving the quality of research, specially at the post-graduate and research levels.

(b) Details are at Annexure, (*see* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 23).

(c) Out of the two departments of history at the University of Calcutta and Aligarh Muslim University which were selected under the UGC Special Assistance Programme at the level of the Centres of Advanced Study during 1963-64 and 1968-69 respectively, the Department at the University of Calcutta was discontinued during 1974-75 due to its poor performance.

Poor implementation of mid-day meal scheme

1503. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States and UTs are not implementing the mid-day meal scheme, inspite of sufficient funds allocated for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details of the defaulting States and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to change the callous attitude of States in implementing the scheme with all sincerity, which would help bringing children to schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid-Day Meal) is being implemented in all States/UTs in the country except Lakshadweep which runs its own Scheme. Five states namely Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (174 blocks), Orissa, Tamil Nadu and the UT of Pondicherry are serving a cooked meal, while other States/UTs are distributing food-grains.

(c) The Central Government has urged States to implement the scheme in all eligible schools and send periodical utilisation reports.